



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7043

LCO No. 3618

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING OFF-TRACK BETTING BRANCH FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-571a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) The Division of Special Revenue and the Gaming Policy Board
4 shall not operate or authorize the operation of more than eighteen off-
5 track betting branch facilities, except that the division and the board
6 may operate or authorize the operation of any off-track betting facility
7 approved prior to December 31, 1986, by the legislative body of a
8 municipality in accordance with subsection (a) of section 12-572. Any
9 facility approved prior to December 31, 1986, shall be included within
10 the eighteen branch facilities authorized by this subsection.

11 (b) The eighteen off-track betting branch facilities authorized by
12 subsection (a) of this section may include eight facilities which have
13 screens for the simulcasting of off-track betting race programs or jai
14 alai games and other amenities including, but not limited to,
15 restaurants and concessions, provided, on and after June 19, 1992,
16 [four] three of such facilities shall be located in the town and city of

17 New Haven, the town of Windsor Locks [, within the dog race track in
18 the town of Plainfield and within the fronton or dog race track] and in
19 the town and city of Bridgeport. [Authority to simulcast does not
20 include any branch facility located within a zone of protection
21 negotiated between the operator of the off-track betting system and
22 any other pari-mutuel betting facility. Each such facility located within
23 a fronton or a dog race track shall be operated by the licensee
24 authorized to operate the off-track betting system in conjunction with
25 the licensee of such fronton or dog race track and all such facilities
26 within a fronton or a dog race track shall be operated in substantially
27 the same manner.] The location of each such facility shall be approved
28 by the executive director with the consent of the Gaming Policy Board
29 and shall be subject to the prior approval of the legislative body of the
30 town in which such facility is proposed to be located. The division
31 shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the General
32 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to legalized gambling
33 on the status of the establishment or improvement of the off-track
34 betting branch facility pursuant to this subsection.

35 [(c) If an operator of an off-track betting facility equipped with
36 screens for simulcasting intends to simulcast at such facility dog racing
37 events or jai alai games, such operator (1) shall simulcast dog racing
38 events or jai alai games conducted by any association licensee which
39 offers such racing events or games for simulcasting provided such
40 operator obtains the written consent of such licensee and any other
41 licensee authorized to conduct the same activity located within forty
42 miles of such facility and (2) may simulcast out-of-state dog racing
43 events or jai alai games when no such association licensee is
44 conducting such racing events or games provided such operator has
45 complied with the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.]

46 [(d) The division and board or a licensee authorized to operate the
47 off-track betting system may operate any off-track betting branch office
48 facilities not operated in the manner of the facilities operated under
49 subsection (b) of this section as facilities which have monitors for off-

50 track betting information, bench seating and adequate public rest room
51 facilities for patrons.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	12-571a
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Statement of Purpose:

To delete references to dog racing and jai alai games because there are no longer any jai alai or dog racing facilities in the state of Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]